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Cerf, Dulles on Plane Don't Meet Until Roanoke

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Bennett Cerf and Allen Dulles flew into Roanoke on the same plane Wednesday afternoon.

Cerf, the book publisher, and Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), didn't know they had been on the same airplane together until after they landed at Woodrum Airport.

If they had, they undoubtedly would have found plenty to talk about:

Cerf is president of Random House, which very shortly is publishing an uncomplimentary book about the CIA called "The

Invisible Government" written by two newspapermen.

Dulles, who was on his way to The Greenbrier at White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., to talk to a convention of glass container manufacturers about the role of the intelligence agency in foreign policy, chatted briefly with Cerf at the airport.

"He's a great publisher," Dulles remarked after Cerf had left.

Cerf was in Roanoke to speak to the 50th anniversary dinner of the Young Women's Christian Association of Roanoke Valley at Hotel Roanoke.

With him was his 22-year-old son, Chris, who came along to see a friend, Al Berto, disc jockey at radio WROV.

Chris, who graduated from Harvard University a year ago, is doing editorial work at Random House.

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